



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

**17 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

#### **(U) Orange – Man Arrested for Attempting to Smuggle Drugs into Jail Facility Using Drone**

(U) The Custody Intelligence Unit of the Orange County Sheriff's Department arrested a man suspected of using a drone in an attempt to smuggle drugs in the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange. The drone, which landed in an outdoor recreation area of the jail, carried 2 grams of heroin, 4 grams of methamphetamine, 15 Xanax pills and 15 muscle relaxers. An investigation led to the arrest of the suspect at his residence. The suspect was in possession of a stolen vehicle, illegal firearms, illicit drugs, and a control that matched the drone. The suspect, who already had a felony warrant issued by Mendocino, faces multiple drug and firearm charges.

SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [Orange County Register](#)

#### **(U) Ventura County – Eighteen People Detained from Panga Boat**

(U) Eighteen people were detained after Sheriff's detectives spotted a panga boat in the water off Thornhill Broom Beach. After landing on the beach, the migrants ran toward a nearby campground where they were apprehended by authorities shortly afterwards. Ventura County firefighters provided medical aid before the migrants were turned over to US Customs and Border Protection. No narcotics were found. The incident is the third panga boat incident in the county in the last month with 56 migrants apprehended.

SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [Ventura County Star](#)

### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

#### **(U) Texas – Thousands of Migrants Gather under Bridge in Del Rio**

(U) Del Rio – Texas officials advise thousands of migrants have gathered under a bridge along the US Southern border that connects Del Rio to the Mexican city of Ciudad Acuna. The numbers of migrants under the bridge swelled from about 2,000 during the weekend to over 8,000 on Thursday. US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) advised that the bridge is being used as a temporary staging site because it is a shaded area. CBP is currently sending more agents to the area to assist on the matter. The Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition reported that the migrants are mostly from Haiti, Venezuela, and Cuba.

SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [KGNS](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) District of Columbia – DHS IOG Report Recommends Enhanced COVID-19 Prevention at Border**

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's Office released a report recommending enhanced COVID-19 Prevention measures at the US-Mexico border. The review, conducted between March and May, unearthed several issues with the agency's COVID-19 management efforts at the southwest border. The report cited that the agency is not maintaining proper physical

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distancing in holding facilities due to the high number of migrants illegally entering the US. This is further exacerbated by the inability of other government agencies to rapidly take custody of migrants. The report issued some recommendations including reassessing its COVID-19 response framework. SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [CNN](#)

### **(U) Missouri – Police Officer Trainee Shot and Killed by Suspect**

(U) Independence – A 22-year-old Missouri police officer died from wounds he suffered during a residential call of a wanted man in the city of Independence. Officer Blaize Madrid-Evans was shot immediately upon arriving on scene and taken to the hospital with critical injuries. He later died from his injuries. The suspect was sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty in 2011 for discharging a firearm at a motor vehicle. It is unclear why he was released from the Jackson County jail. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is investigating the shooting.

SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [Fox News](#)

### **(U) Pennsylvania – Suspect Admits to Plotting Bomb Attack on Pittsburgh Church, Aiding ISIS**

(U) Pittsburgh – A Pennsylvania man admitted to federal court to aiding Islamic State militant group as he plotted to attack a church. The suspect pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to provide material support to the organization in relation to his plan to bomb a church on Pittsburgh's North Side in 2019. The suspect was admitted to the US as a refugee in August 2016. Documents show he was aware that people in close proximity to the church could be killed by the blast. He faces up to 20 years in prison.

SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [MSN](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Germany – 'Islamist' Plot to Attack German Synagogue on Yom Kippur Foiled; Four Arrested**

(U) Hagen – Authorities detained a 16-year-old Syrian boy and three other people for planning an attack on a synagogue in the German city of Hagen. Authorities received information that there could be an attack on the synagogue during Yom Kippur that included both the time and the suspect. Anti-semitic crimes have risen steadily in Germany in recent years, with 2032 offenses recorded in 2019, up 13 percent from the previous year.

SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [Times of Israel](#)

### **(U) Mexico – Sinaloa Cartel Leader Arrested in Tijuana**

(U) Tijuana – Authorities arrested a man believed to be the leader of the Sinaloa Cartel in Tijuana. The suspect was detained by Baja California police in the second section of the Las Huertas neighborhood. The suspect is believed to be the operational leader of the Sinaloa Cartel in Tijuana and a former member of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel in the same city. Between 2017 and 2019, the suspect established and oversaw small-scale drug trafficking points before becoming involved in the smuggling of large quantities of narcotics into the United States. The suspected has also been indicted in the US in a superseding indictment by authorities in Southern California.

SOURCE: 16 September 2021, [Mexico News Daily](#)

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